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Director  
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Dear [redacted]

Thank you for your support at the Joint National Intelligence Dissemination System (JNIDS) Oversight Board meeting on 6 December. I believe that JNIDS offers significant potential for real innovation in our community. Since we are venturing perhaps beyond the border of the current state of the art and given the limited resources identified for its initial years, the proposal to expand the project into a broad umbrella program to support a select number of tactical commanders via operational demonstrations would appear a bit premature.

With regard to FY 83, the careful, deliberate measures the Program Manager is taking to define what should be incorporated in JNIDS in accordance with the initial Memorandum of Agreement seem the most viable current alternative. We need this period to refine the JNIDS concept in detail, chart the course of its development, and produce the documentation required to defend the program before Congress.

Together with the other JNIDS participants, I am proceeding to identify resources from DIA and the Services to meet FY 83 program commitments as soon as possible. What additional funding may be made available to the program will have to be determined when we receive the appropriation for this fiscal year. We welcome your continued assistance and support to accelerate program momentum where possible.

Sincerely,

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Director

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